

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES  
February 27, 2004**

**\*\*\* APPROVED – APRIL 30, 2004 \*\*\***

**Members Present:**

The Honorable Amy Krause, Chair  
Gwendolyn Brown  
Marie Donigan  
Shirley Mann Gray  
Mary Beth Kur  
Lore Rogers  
The Honorable Edward Sosnick

**Staff Present:**

Mike Bobbitt  
Debi Cain, Executive Director  
Candace Cadena, Intern  
Celestine Colton  
Debbie Felder-Smith  
Carol Hackett Garagiola  
Sarah Heuser

Josie Jubb  
Mary Lovik  
Julie Lyons  
Barbara Mills  
Karen Porter  
Myia Welsh, Intern  
Joyce Wright

**Guests:**

Kathy Hagenian, MCADSV  
Michele Hernandez, MSP  
Melissa Limon, MCADSV  
Jean Mahjoory, SCAO  
Jenny Shoub, Kalamazoo YWCA  
Jody Smith, RAVE, Inc. (St. Johns)  
Tom Robertson, PAAM

## **Welcome and Introductions**

The February 27, 2004 Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) meeting at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing, MI, convened at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

## **BOARD CONSENT**

Review of agenda, approval of December 8, 2003 Board meeting minutes.

**MOTION: Moved by S. Mann Gray to approve the February 27, 2004 agenda. Seconded by M. Beth Kur. Motion carried.**

**MOTION: Moved by Judge E. Sosnick to approve the meeting minutes from December 8, 2004. Seconded by S. Mann Gray. Motion carried.**

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Judge A. Krause extended a welcome to new Board member Lore Rogers.

Congratulations to Judge E. Sosnick who has been appointed as a grant reviewer/consultant for Presidential Initiative grants awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women.

Congratulations to M. Donigan who was married in December.

Numerous changes within FIA, new Director for FIA is Marianne Udow. Amy, Lore, Gwen and Debi will be meeting with Ms. Udow to discuss the Board. FIA reorganization in process, we will be temporarily reporting to Laura Champagne, Chief Deputy Director. Ron Hicks and Christian McDonald Stone will be our new liaisons for legislation areas/issues.

Testimony was given on 1/29/04 by D. Cain and Judge A. Krause to the Michigan Supreme Court about proposed amendments to MRE 404(b).

Discussion regarding convening a Criminal Justice Legislative workgroup. Reviewed additions/changes to proposed workgroup.

## **The Governance Process: Board Committee Principles and Committee Structure**

The Board affirmed the policies.

## **Executive Limitations: Communications and Counsel to Board**

The Board reviewed the report. Board members commented they are very happy with how D. Cain gives accurate information and keeps them apprised of various projects, follows up with phone calls as needed, labels emails by priority, and has a good balance with electronic and hard copies by supplying information to the Board. L. Rogers particularly thanked staff for the information on Board questions pertaining to conflicts. As a new Board member, this was helpful. D. Cain expressed a desire for on-going feedback and suggestions.

**MOTION: Moved by M. Beth Kur to accept Executive Limitation Report. Seconded by L. Rogers. Motion carried.**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE**

D. Cain noted that there is grantee information in the report packets in order to give the Board members information on what's going on with programs. Monitoring/Site Visit reports are being sent electronically by staff member K. Porter. If the Board has any feedback or questions please let D. Cain know.

D. Cain introduced Debbie Felder-Smith and Barbara Mills as new Quality Assurance staff. D. Cain gave an update of site visits and how rotating teams attend site visits. L. Rogers commented on how phenomenal the whole process is after being on both sides of the site visits.

D. Cain gave an update of the Safe Havens Grant with 4 local pilot sites (serving Oakland, Jackson, Grand Traverse, Antrim, Leelenau and Muskegon counties). MDVPTB is working with the Michigan Judicial Institute and the National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges on training judges in February 2005. The Office on Violence Against Women has awarded a \$200,000 supplement to the grant that will go to the 4 pilot sites.

Updated on GTEA. D. Cain thanked the Board for the feedback on the 1-year extension. This summer we will ask for an extension. Thank you to Tom Robertson, Herb Tanner and KC Steckelberg from PAAM who were very helpful in getting the Attorney General project started. C. Hackett Garagiola reported that Mike Findley from the Attorney General's office was on board for the consortium 1) Charlevoix, Otsego, Cheboygan, and Emmet. Erin House has been chosen for Antrim, Grand Traverse, and Leelanau. She has extensive services background and brings a wealth of DV experience with her. The 3<sup>rd</sup> consortium in the Upper Peninsula is on hold until these 2 are up and running.

D. Cain reported on the rural grant that has 3 parts. 1) Contracts to local rural programs are in effect as of January 2004. There is a new reporting requirement and a whole new federal system on reporting. 2) Money designated to MCADSV for training; MDVPTB is coordinating with tribes in rural communities to administer money for tribes. P. Hackett Evans and D. Cain went to a meeting in the Upper Peninsula in February to discuss tribal training. There is some concern because tribes want training in their territory and current state policy does not allow meetings to be held at sites attached to casinos. 3) As the MDVPTB liaison for the DV and Child Welfare collaboration, S. Heuser reported on the status of the three pilot sites in Antrim, Arenac and Benzie Counties.

D. Cain reported that we have asked for a budget supplement because the current MDVPTB allocation is more than \$500,00 short. D. Cain passed out a memo for budget supplement which FIA is submitting to the legislature for approval.

The STOP formula from 1997 continues to be used until a future funding cycle when corrections such as census can be incorporated. Because changes to any of the Board formulas will have a significant impact on many grantees, D. Cain has begun discussions with the contracting staff on potential ways to adjust the formulas in future funding cycles.

D. Cain welcomed and introduced the Board's new student intern, Myia Welsh from the University of Michigan. The Board has had a great experience with student interns. Candace Cadena was thanked for a job well done for the Supervised Visitation project.

Congratulations to Chair Judge Krause for setting up a Domestic Violence Docket in Ingham County. There have been exciting changes since she began working in Ingham County.

A legislative packet was handed out to the Board members. D. Cain, M. Lovik and C. Hackett Garagiola reported on this packet which is broken into categories.

Items for Board Action:

**Marriage Preservation Bills:** (S960 – S966; H5467 – H5473: divorce effects education, tax credit for attendance at marriage preservation program, amend Child Custody Act to require parties to submit parenting plans.) **MOTION by M. Beth Kur to identify areas of concern to communicate as appropriate, including, but not limited to, areas listed in the staff recommendation. Seconded by Judge E. Sosnick. Motion carried.** Staff directed to study the package further in consultation with Judge Sosnick and to consider impact on pro se litigants. D. Cain to draw the package to the attention of the Michigan Women's Commission.

**Grandparenting time bills H5039 and S727: MOTION by L. Rogers to identify areas of concern to communicate as appropriate. Seconded by M. Beth Kur. Motion carried.**

**Repeal presumption of maternal custody in paternity cases H5442: MOTION by S. Mann Gray to oppose this bill. Seconded by M. Beth Kur. Motion carried.** D. Cain to draw the package to the attention of the Michigan Women's Commission.

**Criminal Bills H4920:** (Amending the Sex Offenders Registration Act requirements in cases involving consensual sexual activity between/with minors), **MOTION by M. Beth Kur to express serious concerns as appropriate. Seconded by M. Donigan. Motion carried.**

**Criminal Bills H4066:** (Amendment of MCL 600.2950a to allow issuance of stalking PPO upon one alleged incident of "stalking".) **MOTION by M. Beth Kur to oppose as written and refer issue of whether relief given in a PPO must be supported by factual allegations of petition to criminal justice workgroup. Seconded by S. Mann Gray. Motion carried.**

**Criminal Bills S10:** (Amend statutes governing arson, destruction of property to extend criminal penalties to persons who destroy property jointly owned with another who does not consent to the destruction) **MOTION by L. Rogers to support. Seconded by S. Mann Gray. Motion carried.**

**Criminal Bills SB103:** (Amending Sex Offender Registration Act to require registrees to make certain notices when they move, or change the location of their employment or education.) **MOTION by S. Mann Gray to support. Seconded by L. Rogers. Motion carried.**

**Criminal Bills S654-646:** (Amending penalties for assault and battery of a domestic partner.) **MOTION by M. Beth Kur to support. Seconded by L. Rogers. Motion carried.**

**Criminal Bills H5393:** (Conditional expungement option for 1<sup>st</sup> time offenders.) **MOTION by S. Mann Gray to oppose. Seconded by L. Rogers. Motion carried.**

**Criminal Bills H5409:** (Addition of dating violence to MCL 764.1a and 776.22. Amends sentencing provisions for cases where a child witnesses a violent crime or its effects.) **MOTION by L. Rogers to support addition of dating violence to MCL 764.1a and 776.22. Seconded by M. Beth Kur. Motion carried.**

**Supreme Court Administrative File 2003-04:** (Proposed amendments to Michigan Court Rules governing criminal proceedings. Comments must be filed with the Supreme Court by May 1, 2004.) Staff directed to prepare comments to the Court for Board action at the Board's meeting on 4/30/04.

**Child Protection S148/H4175:** (Establish and regulate Court Appointed Special Advocate Programs). Staff directed to collect more information. Further consideration tabled until next Board meeting, 4/30/04.

### **Ends Monitoring**

Staff S. Heuser and J. Wright gave a presentation of "Collaborating with our Partners", to demonstrate the various trainings that have been offered, information available, products that have been created and funded in part with or by the Board. Guest Presenters were Kathy Hagenian (MCADSV), Melissa Limon (Resource Center), Michele Hernandez (MSP), and Tom Robertson (PAAM).

Board members thanked all of our partners for their good work. Judge E. Sosnick and S. Mann Gray commented on how great it is to be able to partner with MCADSV and to keep up the good work.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jenny Shoub from YWCA Kalamazoo expressed her appreciation and thanks to the Board, on behalf of herself and survivors.

Jody Smith from RAVE, Inc., St. Johns appreciates all that the Board does for the programs and survivors. She learned a lot from this Board meeting.

### **PROCESS EVALUATION**

Chair Judge A. Krause wanted to thank staff and Board members for the support, and to note any input would be appreciated.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 3:10 p.m.

**MOTION: Moved by S. Mann Gray to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by G. Brown. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Josie Jubb